

**County Council Meeting
September 17, 2013**

Present: Jack Kroeger, Jim Seiler, Blake Bunner, Bill Spaetti, Steve Winsett, Dave Kress, Matt Knepper, Attorney Eric Ayer, Auditor Jane Lynam

Meeting was called to order by President Jack Kroeger at 5:28 P.M.

Minutes

Winsett made a motion to approve the minutes from August 20th as presented. Kress seconded the motion, motion approved.

Additional Appropriations

County General

Veterans Service Office \$1,000.

Dean Knepper made the request and spoke to the Council. Knepper requested the money to pay the Spencer County Council on Aging for transportation of veterans. Kress made a motion to approve the \$1,000. Winsett seconded the motion, motion approved. Bunner asked Knepper to meet with the Spencer County Council on Aging to see if we could get something worked out on the cost.

Inmate Housing \$50,000.

Commissioner Gogel made the request and spoke to the Council. Gogel explained that this cost is escalating for the year but again, we have no control over it, other than to pay it. After some discussion Kress made a motion to approve the \$50,000. Bunner seconded the motion, motion was approved with Winsett voting against.

COIT-Special Purposes \$300,000.

Request was made by Council President Kroeger who explained that the Council had approved this request in April and it was a onetime donation. Spaetti made a motion to approve the \$300,000. Kress seconded the motion, motion approved.

Rainy Day \$ 8,000.

Riverboat \$40,000.

David Gogel made the request on behalf of the Commissioners for The Way. Kroeger explained that we had advertised it from the two funds because we didn't have enough money in either fund at the time to take the full amount being requested. Ron Connor spoke to the Council and explained that they had recently received the Patronville Methodist Church and Parsonage from the Methodist District Conference. Brett Cieslack and Terry Snyder both spoke and explained different aspects of the program. Spaetti asked what they planned to use the \$48,000. for if it was approved. Connor said our needs change because we adjust with the community, so I can't tell you exactly how it will be used, I can however tell you we will not use it if it is not necessary. Kroeger said we know you are doing good work, but we need to show the taxpayer how those dollars are having an impact in the community; but finding the money is getting harder all the time and we have to consider what we can afford to do. After much more discussion Winsett made a motion to approve the \$48,000. Bunner said since we have seen the 2013 budget I would feel more comfortable making a motion to approve giving half of the money now and see a target for 2014 to see what you are going to do and go from there. It is our obligation as representatives of the taxpayers to have some target as to how the money will be spent. Spaetti said he felt that the majority would be willing to commit half of what they were asking for and then have someone come back in December and show us what you have done with the new facility, let us know what is going on, and we could probably contribute some more money. Bunner said he would make the motion to approve half tonight and in December we could see a 2014 projection and then after the first of the year if we are all in agreement, disburse that amount of money again, based on their progress. Winsett said if they can come back in December and we can help them again I will withdraw my motion to approve the \$48,000.

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Bunner then made the motion to approve half, \$24,000 tonight rather than the full amount of \$48,000, all out of the Riverboat fund; would like to reconsider the 2014 projection in December and in January 2014 at the meeting consider disbursing another \$24,000 if they meet that obligation and are continuing to be solvent and found to be trustworthy of the money we have given them. Kress seconded the motion, motion approved.

Transfers

Jail/County Council \$1,500.

Spaetti made the motion to approve the \$1,500 transfer. Bunner seconded the motion, motion approved.

Statewide 911 \$10,000.

Kress made the motion to approve the \$10,000 transfer. Winsett seconded the motion, motion approved.

Legal Report

Kroeger asked Ayer to explain the e-mail they received from Ice-Miller about the ruling of the court. Ayer explained that basically it was just a scheduling of the court proceedings that are going on between September 11th and the actual hearing date which is May 23rd. Different dates in between those two times are for filing of briefs and responses. The bottom line is the hearing will be May 23rd, 2014 at 10:00 A.M. In the e-mail you got Ice-Miller made the comment that the schedule essentially guarantees at least one more year of AK filing without the use of Pool 5, which will be a benefit of \$400,000 to the county.

Ayer said he felt the two bills before the Council needed to be paid; the Redevelopment Commission and the Commissioners have already passed Resolutions approving payment. Winsett made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-18. Bunner seconded the motion, motion approved.

Ray Striegel-Dale Town Board

Ray Striegel and Ken Beasley both members of the Dale Town Board were present. Ray Striegel spoke to the Council and explained that the State had donated the land where the old Highway garage was located to the Town of Dale. The Salt building now needs some repair on the roof; the county highway stores salt there and allows the town to use salt if they need it. We have received two quotes for repair and the one for \$32,000 for the rubberized roof is the one we would like to go with. We would like to have a little help from the county since the highway department uses the building; certainly not the whole amount, but something. Winsett asked what amount Dale would want and Striegel replied half of the \$32,000. Ayer explained that we would have to work out a lease agreement with the Town of Dale through the Commissioners as the executive branch of the county before anything could be done. Kroeger asked Gogel to have the Commissioners get together and agree on something, then make a recommendation to the Council for them to consider.

Winsett made a motion to adjourn. Knepper seconded the motion, motion approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

President

Attest:

Auditor

County Council Meeting
Binding Reviews
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Present: Jack Kroeger, Jim Seiler, Blake Bunner, Bill Spaetti, Steve Winsett, Dave Kress, Matt Knepper, Attorney Eric Ayer, Auditor Jane Lynam

Meeting was called to order by President Jack Kroeger at 5:15 P.M.

Kroeger explained that these are the binding reviews that the Council has the final decision on. All information has been advertised in the county papers.

Each department budget was discussed as follows:

<i>Department</i>	<i>Budget</i>
<i>County General</i>	<i>\$7,302,000.</i>
<i>Highway</i>	<i>\$2,401,602.</i>
<i>LR&S</i>	<i>\$ 200,000.</i>
<i>Cum Bridge</i>	<i>\$ 600,220.</i>
<i>Health Dept.</i>	<i>\$ 250,660.</i>
<i>4-H</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Cum Cap Dev</i>	<i>\$ 265,600.</i>
<i>Plat Book Update</i>	<i>\$ 4,550.</i>
<i>Probation User Fees</i>	<i>\$ 52,717.</i>
<i>911</i>	<i>\$ 310,439.</i>
<i>Local Health Maintenance Grant</i>	<i>\$ 33,139.</i>
<i>Pre-Trial</i>	<i>\$ 61,805.</i>
<i>Cornerstone Perp</i>	<i>\$ 5,250.</i>
<i>Law Enforcement Fund</i>	<i>\$ 5,000.</i>
<i>Reassessment</i>	<i>\$ 129,330.</i>
<i>Solid Waste</i>	<i>\$ 643,395.</i>
<i>Carter Fire</i>	<i>\$ 203,300.</i>

Kroeger explained that the Council had agreed to a 1 ½% increase in salary for county employees. Commissioners and Council Members all agreed to keep their current salaries and not take a pay increase.

Winsett made a motion to approve the budgets as presented. Kress seconded the motion, motion approved.

Kroeger said he wanted to thank everyone for their hard work in getting the budgets done, because it is not an easy task.

Knepper made a motion to adjourn. Spaetti seconded the motion, motion approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:27 P.M.

President

Attest:

Auditor

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Non-Binding Reviews
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Present: Jack Kroeger, Jim Seiler, Blake Bunner, Bill Spaetti, Steve Winsett, Dave Kress, Matt Knepper, Attorney Eric Ayer, Auditor Jane Lynam

Meeting was called to order by President Jack Kroeger at 4:30 P.M.

Kroeger explained this was the Public Hearing for all non-binding entities, any entities that are over the growth quotient, which is 2.6% we need to let them know what our recommendations are, but ultimately the state makes the final call on these budgets.

Each entities budget was discussed as follows:

Harrison Township

Carter Township

Clay Township

Grass Township

Hammond Township

Huff Township

Jackson Township

Luce Township

Ohio Township

South Spencer School Corporation

North Spencer School Corporation

Spencer County Public Library

Lincoln Heritage Library

Kress made a motion to direct President Kroeger to write letters of recommendation from the Council to each entity that is over or under the salutatory requirements of the 2.6 growth quotient. Spaetti seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Bunner made a motion to adjourn. Seiler seconded the motion, motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 5:14 P.M.

President

Attest:
